GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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GALLANTRY AWARDS
SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jawans awarded with gallantry awards by the Government during the last three years till date, separately;

(b) the number of Jawans who were awarded the said awards posthumously; and

(c) the facilities being provided to the family members of these brave soldiers?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): 124 Jawans have been awarded gallantry awards during the last three years by the Government. The year-wise details are given below. Out of these, the number of Jawans who have been awarded posthumously has been shown in brackets:-

Gallantry Awards	2000	2001	2002
Ashoka Chakra		3(3)	
Maha Vir Chakra		1	
Kirti Chakra	2(2)	1	7(6)
Vir Chakra	11(6)	1	
Shaurya Chakra	22(13)	40(11)	36(11)

(c) The facilities being provided to the family members of these brave soldiers are as under:-

(i) Monetary allowance of Rs. 850.00 per month by Government of India.

(ii) Gallantry awardees are exempted from telephone registration and normal rental charges. A rebate of 50% only in normal rental charges for widows of Vir Chakra awardees.

(iii) Issue of 1st class//2nd AC sleeper complementary card pass to recipients and their widows (along with one companion).

(iv) Indian Air lines gives 75% discount in the Normal Economy Class INA Fare to the recipient of PVC, AC, MVC and KC.

(v) Pension of gallantry awardees / widows is exempted from income tax.

(vi) Various benefits like one time cash grant, land/cash in lieu of land, annuity/monthly allowance, free bus passes in state transports, quota in educational institutions etc. are also extended, as decided by the state governments from time to time.